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HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Tuesday, May 23rd, 2017 3:30 p.m. Room 326 House Office Building

Representative Runestad, Chair, called the meeting to order.

Chair Runestad requested attendance be called to establish a quorum of the appointed committee members:

Present: Reps. Runestad, Theis, Howrylak, Cole, Hornberger, LaFave, Greimel, Guerra, and Sowerby.

Absent: Rep. Robinson.

Excused: Rep. Robinson.

The Chair laid SB 333 before the committee:

SB 333 (Jones) Courts; business court; types of cases heard by the business court; revise.

Nick Capone, representing the office of Senator Jones, and Tom Clement, representing the State Court Administrators Office, testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Cami Pendell, representing the Michigan Judges Association, submitted a testimony card in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak.

The Chair laid HBs 4416, 4417, 4418, and 4419 before the committee:

HB 4416 (Hoitenga) Weapons; firearms; certain provisions regarding weapons; repeal.

HB 4417 (Hornberger) Weapons; firearms; 1927 PA 372; update references.

HB 4418 (Allor) Weapons; firearms; natural resources and environmental protection act; update references.

HB 4419 (Cole) Weapons; firearms; sentencing guidelines; update.

Representative VanderWall read a letter from Kim C. Cole, Sheriff of Mason County, Michigan.

Blaine Koops and Sheriff Matt Saxton, representing the Michigan Sheriffs' Association, testified in opposition to the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

The Chair read in a letter of support from Sheriff Dar Leaf of Barry County, Michigan.

Bob Stevenson and Todd Muchcer, representing the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, testified in opposition to the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

Tom Lambert and Dean Greenblat, representing Michigan Open Carry, testified in support of the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

Sergeant Tim Fitzgerald and Sergeant Matt Wills, representing the Michigan State Police, testified in opposition to the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

The following people submitted testimony cards in opposition to the bills, but were not available to speak:

Judy Olson.

Louise Wright, representing the Coalition for Common Ground.

Marjory J. Weldon, representing herself, testified in opposition to the bills.

Dr. Cheryl Farmer, representing Physicians for the Prevention of Gun Violence, testified in opposition to the bills.

Terry Link, representing Peace Education Center, testified in opposition to the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

Gloria Thomas, representing the Michigan Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence, submitted a testimony card in opposition to the bills, but was not able to speak.

Allen and Mary Polkowski, representing themselves, testified in opposition to the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

Joel Fullton, representing Freedom Firearms, testified in support of the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

Art Thomm, representing the National Rifle Association, testified in support of the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

The following people submitted testimony cards in opposition to the bills, but did not wish to speak:

Kathy Hagemian, representing the Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence.

Janet Laatsch.

Ann Marston.

Nicole Bedi.

Linda Melaragni, representing the Michigan Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence.

Linda Brundage, representing the Michigan Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence.

DJ Hilson, representing the Muskegon County Prosecuting Attorney.

Kym Worthy, representing the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

Melinda Dickinson, representing Moms Demand Action.
Martha Omilian, representing Moms Demand Action.
Rick Omilian, representing Moms Demand Action.

The following people submitted testimony cards in support of the bills, but did not wish to speak:

Wayne Groth, representing the Calhoun County Gun Owners Association.
Gregory O'Neill.

Representative Greimel moved to excuse absent members. Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 6:04 p.m.

Representative Runestad, Chair

Matthew Carnagie
Committee Clerk
May 23rd, 2017

Date Approved and Signed